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End of Summer Already?!?

It's just about that time for kids to go back to school! The morning and afternoon school buses will soon be reappearing in our neighborhood, so we ask all residents to be cautious on the streets. This is especially important the first few weeks of school while this year's crop of kindergarteners are getting used to their new school routines. Please remember that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus in either direction. See <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/equipment/sch-bus/law.aspx> if you'd like clarification.



Can you help?

The Sustainable Madison Committee is looking for more members! Please consider applying.

The Sustainable Madison Committee advises local policy makers and administrators on how to reduce waste, cut costs and protect the environment in city government and across our community.

Our members are residents appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council who come from all walks of life and professions. Your work on the Sustainable Madison Committee will help Madison remain a healthy, happy, sustainable city for you, your neighbors and everyone else too!

To apply here go to this link.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/CityHall/legislativeInformation/apply.cfm>

Dear High Point Estates Residents,

I hope by now everyone has received a flyer for our first End of Summer Shaved Ice Blast happening on Friday August 26th (6:30pm to 8:00pm at High Point Park)! This will provide a welcome relief to the heat and give many of us a chance to see new faces. We will have a table, chairs, games and cold water available for those participating. Please come meet your neighbors! A special **THANK YOU** goes to our newly formed **Social Committee** who worked on this; thank yous are extended to: **Cindy Zanesco, Guanmin Shi, Robin Bergmann, Angie Peterson, Anne Froyen Mowery and Aleta McGee!!!** We will continue to work on new events throughout the year! A flyer for this event is on the last page of this newsletter for your reference.

I also wanted to share some quick thoughts on the following:

- High Point Landscaping Maintenance
- Madison West Neighborhood Association
- West Fest!
- Safety in High Point Estates

First, I wanted to apologize for the summer landscaping experience with some of our common areas. The maintenance of our berm along High Point Road and several of our cul de sacs were not what residents should expect. Unexpected expenses due to storm damage and various tree removals consumed much of the budget we had designated for the berm and common areas. We have worked diligently to come up with a long term plan that takes into consideration the damage we should expect to incur as the landscaping in our neighborhood matures, as well as formally budgeting for the refresh and improvements to the berm, islands and entrances and our cul de sacs. While we had previously been utilizing the savings we obtained through renegotiation of our landscaping contracts, this year has shown us that is not an acceptable approach. We have a plan and budget in place going forward to provide the type of landscaping you should expect of a neighborhood like High Point Estates.

A year in the making, the Madison West Neighborhood Association is official! I wanted to thank the residents that made our first annual meeting. While I was disappointed with the overall turnout we made a number of contacts during the meeting and afterwards that reflect the growing interest of several surrounding neighborhoods and their respective board members. Joe Ryan, a resident of Valhalla Valley, has graciously accepted the position as President of the MWNA and I am pleased to serve as his Vice President. The MWNA will work on behalf of all residents in District 1 to advance pertinent issues and grow the community around us. For more information about the MWNA please visit: <http://www.madwest.org/>

West Fest at Elver Park! A day to celebrate and meet neighbors!

Join us on Saturday, August 27, 2016!

7:00am - 7:00pm

Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd.

West Fest is an all-new community event designed with its neighbors in mind. Madison Parks in coordination with co-chairs Alder Barbara McKinney, District 1 and Alder Matt Phair, District 20 along with community members have created a fun-filled day at [Elver Park](#). The all-day lineup of activities and entertainment will encourage the area's diverse and intergenerational neighbors to gather with a day of festivities. This inaugural, free, Westside event will take place on Saturday, August 27, 2016.

The day of activities and entertainment begins at 7:00am with yoga and boot camp classes, nature-based learning activities and an early morning start for the splash park. Throughout the day other activities include: A senior zone featuring bingo with prizes and other table games, a neighbor to neighbor craft & gift market with a variety of handmade arts and crafts available for purchase, a resource tent providing key neighborhood information from local organizations and businesses, a performance stage with on-going entertainment, a kids zone with a bouncy house, games and prizes, a teen zone scheduled with a DJ spinning the latest beats, and a dunk tank with a chance to soak a few police and fire volunteers, plus a visit from the MPD Mounted Police and a MFD fire truck to explore. For more information on this event please visit: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/events/westfest.cfm>

I wanted to thank all residents for their vigilance this summer in keeping our neighborhood safe! We have had the fewest number of incidents this summer compared to those in many prior years. As always, continue to:

- Keep your doors, windows and garage doors locked...always!
- Keep vehicles locked at all times.
- Avoid leaving valuables unlocked or unattended outside.
- Remember to keep your residence well lit, and that means all night! Most criminals will pass over properties that are well lit.
- Report all suspicious activity to the Madison Police Department! Please be as detailed as possible when making a report to MPD – vehicle description/license plate, descriptions of individual(s) and their activities. If reporting an active situation, please state clearly that the activity is 'happening now' to prompt immediate action.
- Please report crime or suspicious activity to: info@hpehoa.com This allows us to follow up and coordinate with our MPD liaison officer and JBM Patrols.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

David Handowski – President HPEHOA

Landscaping Issues

Terrace Tree Maintenance

As many of you noticed, the City trimmed our terrace trees last fall and removed many large, low flying limbs that were hazards to walkers, runners and cyclists.

This resulted in open and easy to navigate sidewalks that many of us use daily.

The City will do this trimming once every seventeen years according to Marla Eddy, the City's Chief Forester. Ms. Eddy did not want residents to remove any limbs from trees as we are not trained arborists. While it was unsaid, I also suspect Ms. Eddy did not want the City to incur any insurance liability for amateur tree trimmers.

However, what is becoming equally clear is that many of the terrace trees are re-growing twigs/limbs right where the old limbs were removed and these will again become hazards long before the next seventeen year trimming cycle by the City. I would ask residents to be mindful of these new twigs and pinch them off before they become larger branches or limbs. You will do no damage to trees by pinching off twigs and I believe we will avoid the wrath of the City if we only take twigs or very small branches from areas they have already pruned.

Please do not climb any ladders to reach branches or remove any sizable limbs from terrace trees. If a terrace tree is damaged during a wind storm, please call the City immediately and let them deal with it.

Please examine your terrace trees several times a summer and remove all small twigs/limbs that are head level or lower so we keep our sidewalks free and clear of hazards. This will help your neighbors use our sidewalks and prevent our HOA from confronting the City once again about untimely terrace tree maintenance.

Landscaping Committee
The HPE Board

End of Summer Shaved Ice Bash!

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和夏天说再见!



8月26日，周五晚六点半到八点，于社区内
的高点公园，大家不要错过哦!

Friday, August 26th

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

High Point Park

Please come join your neighbors for an end of summer celebration sponsored by the HPEHOA. Grab tickets when you arrive at the Social Committee table at the entrance of the park on Kottke Drive. Each ticket is good for a shaved ice provided by Kona Ice Truck. You can even add your own flavors!

Water and some yard games for the kids will be provided. Feel free to bring a chair, additional games, or just walk on through. No RSVP or commitment required.

Hope to see you there!

-HPEHOA Social Committee